**Fechtner’s syndrome**

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This is the peripheral blood smear from a 60-year-old man diagnosed as having chronic renal failure. Giant spherical platelets (arrow) and pale light-blue spindle-shaped inclusion bodies (arrowheads) were observed in a large number of leukocytes.1 Audiometry demonstrated bilateral high-tone sensorineural hearing loss. There were no abnormal findings on the ophthalmology examination. The patient’s 27-year-old daughter showed the same morphologic changes in her leukocytes. One year later, the patient was well and had not required specific treatment.

**References**